

**State of California
Department of Parks and Recreation
NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

TO: Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
7806 Folsom Auburn Road
Folsom, CA 95530

PROJECT TITLE: Culvert Trail Improvement Project
LOCATION: Auburn State Recreation Area
COUNTY: Placer

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Repair and maintain the Culvert Trail within Auburn State Recreation Area. This project will make repairs, re-alignments and conduct maintenance on the existing trail to eliminate problem areas and reduce erosion. Portions of the project will make repairs, such as drainage improvements, and conduct maintenance of the trail within the existing trail corridor. Additionally the project will complete five sections of realignment outside the existing trail corridor, a total of approximately 2500 feet of 4-foot wide trail re-alignment. For the realignments, the old sections of trail to be abandoned will be restored. Soil will be excavated to a minimal depth necessary to create a full bench cut for the new sections of re-aligned trail and to loosen compacted soil and restore natural topography in the sections of tread to be abandoned and restored. Native organic materials including duff and down vegetation will be placed in the restored trail segments to facilitate re-vegetation.

Routine ongoing maintenance will be performed within the trail corridor including brushing to clear vegetation, maintenance of existing drainage structures, removing slough and reducing berms to maintain appropriate tread outslope.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT: California Department of Parks and Recreation

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Gold Fields District

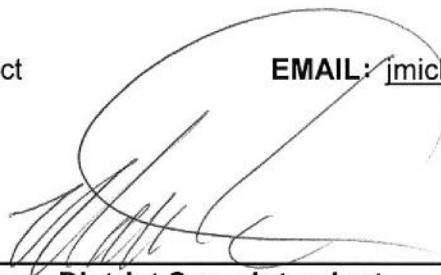
EXEMPT STATUS: ☒ Categorical Exemption Class: 1, 4 Section: 15301, 15304

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:

Project consists of the repair of existing public facilities involving no expansion of use beyond current levels and minor alterations to land and is included as "trail repairs" and "trail construction or realignment" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities, in accordance with CCR § 15300.4.

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